

Federal Leaguers Wonder Who Will Pay Their Salaries When Season Opens

FED PLAYERS STAND AND WORRY WHEN IT COMES TO '16 FATE

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

Former Federal Leaguers are wondering today where they will get off. Despite the hardest kind of work, Harry F. Sinclair has been unable to dispose of more than a handful of Gilmore's gulls. Furthermore, the future seems dark and foreboding. The big leaguers seem inclined to take care only of those who were loyal. The announcement from Ban Johnson that "it would be inadvisable to play Hal Chase at Comiskey Park next summer" has thrown a big scare into the hearts of all former Feds who are still on a hunt for 1916 berths.

Benny Kauff, Bill Rariden, Fred Anderson, Lee Magee, Nick Cullop, Joe Gedeon, and Earl Moseley make up the bunch of players sold by Harry Sinclair to big league clubs, not counting the Browns and Cubs, which are made up largely of Federal Leaguers. There are still many players wondering where they will play when the summer comes around. Every day between now and April 12 will increase the anxiety of these loafing players. Harry Sinclair and Jimmy Gilmore have been unable to give them any assurance that they will draw any salaries during the summer. It's going to be a long, dry summer for the Feds.

MINORS ARE STAYING OFF.

Even the minor leagues are staying off the Feds, particularly International. President Barrow's organization was hit hard by the invasion of the Federal League, and now the International will have nothing to do with those players who hopped the traces. William E. Robertson, former mogul of the Buffalo Feds, conferred with Jim Gilmore yesterday, asking advice. He said that he had been unable to sell a single player to the International League clubs, and that he was "up in the air." As soon as April 12 comes, those Federal leaguers holding contracts must be paid by somebody. But just who will do the paying is becoming a big puzzle.

Benny Kauff has about decided to play ball with the Giants, and quit acting as a clown in the sporting columns. He says he will sign a contract calling for \$5,000 a year and a bonus of \$5,000 in three annual installments. This is the contract offered him at first, and which he turned down with a large, fat sneer. Kauff says he owes an attorney \$2,000 so it is possible that the attorney was behind all the bunk handed out for the past month.

The New York club will take over Kauff's Federal League contract, as it has already promised, says Manager McGraw. "But we have got through pampering him. He must make all advances. He will get his bonuses as soon as he shows himself amiable. The New York club deals with men, not whining boys."

It is hoped that Kauff will read McGraw's statement.

Ban Johnson is in the field now boosting a player representative on the National Commission. A year ago he was crowned on this suggestion, but now he has discovered a candidate in Sam Crawford, the veteran Detroit outfielder. After recent rumors of a change in the make-up of the commission, Ban Johnson's announcement has doubled interest, says Ban.

"I haven't given the question of player representation on the commission a great deal of consideration, but it is more than a possibility of the prospect for the future. If the players are to be represented on the game's highest tribunal their man will be a player from the ranks. One may be sure of that. He will be one who will look after the interests of the players, but who will also consider the rights of the manager—one in whom the manager can have confidence because of his record."

"I will go a little further and name one of that character. He is Sam Crawford, of the Detroit Tigers. He is a wonderful ball player, one who tries to keep in condition, is not known as a trouble maker, is not trying to dabble in a lot of things at once, and is a player who is respected by his colleagues and is admired by the whole athletic world."

Though it has been denied that Garry Herrmann will lose his place at the head of the National Commission, this very move seems certain, Jim Gilmore, former boss of the Feds, may land the place, according to some, while Ed Barrow, head of the International League, has also been prominently mentioned.

The Brooklyn Dodgers are said to be after Eddie Roush, the outfielder with the Newark Feds, and the following: Roush, Pirates, and Giants are also said to be in the market for this fellow.

At least two of the Chicago White Sox have expressed their delight over the shortened training trip scheduled for the Rowland club this spring. Buck Weaver and Jim Scott, doing a vaudeville turn, landed in Cleveland this week, and were closeted at once with the baseball writers.

"I'm happy to have that Marathon trip cut out," says Weaver. "It was too hard on the pitchers and fellows like Scott, Crockett, and Benz were 'through' when the last two months rolled around. With a short training trip this season, our pitchers will be ready to go the whole distance. This may mean the pennant too, though I'm claiming nothing."

Chicago just breeds baseball managers, just as Pennsylvania and Maryland breed football coaches. Harry Nell, a Chicago baseball writer, has figured out the following bunch of managers who have served their terms with different Chicago clubs:

Joe Tinker—Inman, Whales, and Cubs.
Frank Chance—Cubs, Yankees, and Los Angeles.
Fletcher Jones—White Sox, St. Louis, and Browns.
Johnny Evers—Cubs.
Pat Moran—Phillies.
James Sheppard—Toledo A. A. Cleveland.
James Callahan—White Sox and Pirates.
Ed Howard—San Francisco.
Matty McIntyre—Lincoln (Western League).
Minor Brown—Stouffville.
Joe White—Venice and possibly Denver.

Jack Hayden—Louisville.
Duckey Holmes—Mobile, Topeka, and elsewhere.
Billy Sullivan—White Sox now assistant to Buck Johnson at Detroit.
Frank Ladd—White Sox and Des Moines (Western League).
Johnny Kling—Boston Braves.

New York sporting writers have been conducting a golf pool tournament and, in order to get some space in the papers, introduced their "mashie" marvel. Ed Fisher, the cartoonist, defeated the "mashed marvel" yesterday and showed after-ward his identity was made known. It was none other than "Smiling" Bill Donovan. Donovan played dressed up like a "mashie" in more white gloves, goggles, a long

WE HAVE WITH US TONIGHT —

—AND NEXT— BUT NOT FEWEST— WE HAVE POP SMITH— THE WELL KNOWN BOWLER — MR. SMITH WAS BOWLING WHEN THE ATLANTIC OCEAN WAS ONLY A LITTLE LEAK — WE THINK HE HELPED TO SLIP CAESAR THAT SEVENTEEN BREAK — HE HAS ONLY BEEN BOWLING SINCE 1842 BUT HE CAN STILL CUSS 'EM WITH HIS OLD TIME VIGOR — GENTLEMEN — MR. SMITH !!



Two Positions Will Be Open to Virginia Team

Orange and Blue Needs Pitchers and a Good Second Baseman Before Campaign Opens—Palmer Stearns, Western High Boy, Candidate.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., Jan. 26.—The Virginia varsity team this year is ready in need of pitchers and a strong player at second base. "Pat" Callaway alone remains to carry the mound burden, while it is not likely that McCall will succeed at second. When Coach Jack Ryan arrives, around the last of February, he will begin deciding this situation.

Drummond, who pitched several good games last year, is not expected to be in shape. He is suffering from a sore arm. Gannon, majority of the team since Egan Riser left, has completed his college course. It will be up to Coach Ryan to dig up assistants for Callaway.

At second base Todd Wood, from last year's scrubs, and Johnny McCall, will battle for the honors. The other infield positions are well fixed for occupants. Captain White at his old position at first, "Jimmy" Berkeley at short, and Stickle at third are a trio hard to beat. Catching is well taken care of in Berry Green and Ehrman. Last year's staff is decreased by the loss of Billy Fry, another second string catcher, and a good one, but Ehrman showed up the kind of year, and has been keeping him in good condition all winter by basketball.

Berkeley will have an understudy this year who may make him hustle for his job. This is a Western High, at Washington, Palmer Stearns by name, who was captain of the pine at that institution last year. He is a good clean pitcher and has a good deal of speed. Of course, Berkeley is one of the coolest heads on the local ball, but he will have to watch for his laurels. Stearns has another point. He is the brother of Charlie Stearns, who was prominent at Virginia, and it is interesting to see whether his brother will make the same success as the grizzled ex-captain.

Allen Thurman also will be out after a place occupied by a vet, first base. Reports are that Thurman, in addition to his boxing and pickin' prowess, possesses an uncertain skill in sparring "on out of the sky from marvelous distances, and is also a good batsman."

Stickle is almost a certainty at third. His work on the sack is clean, his throws low, straight, and fast. His fielding has improved, but is not very bad at that.

"Nobby" Phillips, hard-hitting, hard-running fielder, has finished his four years of college ball and will not be eligible this season. His loss will be a blow to the batting average of the team.

"Shrimp" Smith, center gardener of the 1914-15 nine, is this year teaching at McGuire's Academy, Richmond, so his services also are lost to the Virgians. The only fielder left is Ed Smith, a Memphis boy, who is showing a great deal of improvement at the bat. The first part of last year he did not

MANY FEATURES IN POTOMAC'S SMOKER

Boxing, Wrestling, and Musical Numbers Entertain Club Members.

Boxing and wrestling matches featured the annual smoker held at the Potomac Boat Club last night, with Capt. Bill Powell acting as master of ceremonies. The entertainment is today voted a huge success.

Joe Oliver piloted Buddy Ryan and Dan O'Brien through three rounds of fast boxing. Benny Winters and Shanky Gardner took the floor for three more rounds, after which Frank Zereza and Billy Murray wrestled for sixteen minutes before Zereza won.

Announcement was made of the benefit performance to be given at Polk's February 5. John Evans is back of the benefit performance, which is expected to be one of the big winter features of the club. Frank Dudley, Bryant Blodgett, James Young, and Arthur R. Pierce were among those who entertained.

Claude R. Zepone was the recipient of a handsome token presented by the members of the junior crew.

Battling Levinsky Wins From Reich in the Hub

BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 26.—Battling Levinsky won his fourth fight of the month last night by getting the decision over Al Reich, former amateur champion, in twelve rounds.

The hitting, battling Reich's head all through the fast milling with a left-hand jab. He boxed so fast that he had the former amateur bewildered. Reich did considerable chasing, but his blows often fell short, although he had the better of two rounds. In the first, a right to the batter's jaw knocked him against the ropes, and in the sixth Reich caught the batter with a left to the stomach that sent him reeling across the ring.

Most of the time, however, Reich forgot to use his right and he made many wild swings with his left which the Batter ducked easily. The fighting by Reich was often clumsy.

In the third the men got their feet tangled in a clinch and both fell to the floor, nearly rolling out of the ring. Reich came up fast, and if Levinsky had ever received what Reich sent him it would have been a long good-night, but he ducked easily. Reich led often with his left to the body, missing frequently, which gave Levinsky a chance to counter with a stiff poke to the jaw.

Joe Stecher Will Meet "Masked Marvel" on Mat

NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—Joe Stecher, the Nebraska farmer boy whose kneecold made him a cripple, will meet the "Masked Marvel," Mort Henderson, here tomorrow night. The Manhattan wrestling tournament, in trying to prevent the marvel from wrestling Stecher under Jack Curley's management, disclosed that the marvel was hired at \$10 a week for the tourney, while Strangler Lewis gets \$200.

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BENZ LETS HIS MOTOR REST WHILE HE WALKS

Connie Mack's great team was ruined by too much auto driving, according to the stories which are going the rounds. Joe Benz, White Sox pitcher, also has a machine; a fast one, too. But he is not a fellow who autos first and keeps in condition second. Joe is wintering in Chicago, having taken a flat out in the old Washington Park race track subdivision. He lets his car stay in the garage while he walks all the way from Sixty-second street to the Loop and return every other day.

"I may be old-fashioned and some of the Batesville, Ind., ways may have stuck to me, but I prefer old mare shanks to driving my machine," says Benz. "The car's all right, but it doesn't help my pitching any. So I go in for the exercise."

HAL CHASE CANNOT RETURN TO LEAGUE

Ban Johnson Says His Presence at Comiskey Park Would Be Inadvisable.

TAD JONES WILL BE ELI FOOTBALL BOSS

Prof. Corwin Half Admits Truth of Rumor That Former Star Gets Berth.

CHICAGO, Jan. 26.—Hal Chase, eccentric and star first baseman, who jumped Charlie Comiskey's White Sox to land a lucrative job with the Buffalo Feds, is taboo in American League circles. It is learned here today, Chase it was said here will find no opposition on the part of American League moguls if he lands with the Nationals.

A report that Chase would land with Fielder Jones' St. Louis Browns was scoffed at today by Ban Johnson who said "it would not be advisable to attempt to play Chase at Comiskey's park next season."

Tommy Seaton, the Brooklyn Federal hurler, will be on the Cub staff next season. Manager Tinker bought the Portland, Ore., product for \$7,500. Seaton's salary of \$7,500 which was to have run a year more with the Brooklyn club, will be assumed by the Cubs.

NEW HAVEN, Jan. 26.—Tad Jones, all-American quarterback on Ted Coy's eleven and a man whose name has been before the public much lately as likely to be chosen head coach at Yale, will be named officially for the position in a day or two, it was said today. The report current that Jones had been selected was practically confirmed by Prof. Corwin, chairman of the executive committee of the Yale Athletic Association.

To the reporter who asked him if there was any truth in the report that Jones had been agreed upon and that Mike Sweeney, of Hill School, would come here as a sort of physical director, Prof. Corwin said: "I suppose there is."

Asked whether any announcement would be made officially, Prof. Corwin said there probably would be none for a few days. Jones has been coaching at Exeter. The coming of Sweeney will interfere in no way with the duties of Johnny Mack, Yale track trainer.



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